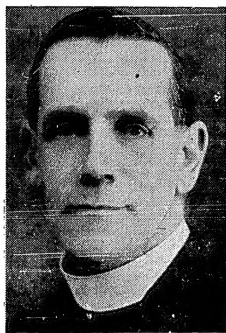




BIG SOLDIER VOTE FOR CCF

KOOTENAY EAST WINNER



Rev. J. H. Matthews whose victory climaxed a campaign which was almost continuous since 1940 when he lost out to the Conservative by less than 200 votes. This time he had a majority of almost 2,000 over his nearest competitor, the Liberal candidate, when the armed forces vote was recorded. Harvey Murphy, international organizer for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and a member of the B.C. provincial executive of the Labor Progressive Party, finished far in the rear.

NEW MEMBER FROM B.C.



LAC. Harry Archibald who overcame a 1940 handicap of 2,135 votes to win this time by a margin of some 750 votes. Wild and unfounded charges of C.C.F. domination of the trade union movement in Prince Rupert shipyards were hurled by the L.P.P. candidate. Before joining the R.C.A.F. three years ago the new C.C.F. M.P.-elect was employed in the shipyards and was a member of the Boilermakers' union. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Archibald, reside in North Vancouver.

Banquet in Honor

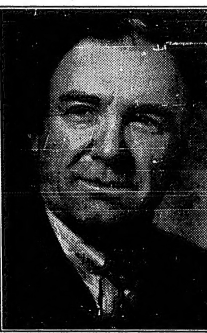
Wm. Irvine, Tues.

Honoring Wm. Irvine, C.C.F. member-elect for the Cariboo, and Mrs. Irvine, the Edmonton C.C.F. will hold a banquet at the Corona Hotel on Tuesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Irvine was formerly provincial secretary and organizer for the Alberta C.C.F. and his many friends here will welcome this opportunity of extending their good wishes to him personally.

Tickets are \$1.00 and may be obtained at the C.C.F. office upstairs, 10010-102 St. As accommodation in the Corona banquet room is limited, those planning to attend are advised to get their tickets immediately. It is a case of first come first served.

DEFEATS PRIME MINISTER



E. L. Bowerman C.C.F. candidate who won the Prince Albert seat from Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who represented the riding for 19 years. Mr. King had a majority of 263 in the civilian count but this was turned into a majority of 129 for Mr. Bowerman when the Armed Forces returns came in.

CANDIDATES ON TOP IN 71 RIDINGS

Win from Prime Minister King in Prince Albert Seat

C.C.F. NOW HAS 28

If the civilians had voted as the men in the services did the C.C.F. would have won 71 seats in the federal election on June 11. That is the number of constituencies in which the C.C.F. led all other parties in the service vote.

C.C.F. strength among the men and women in the services was fairly well distributed throughout the Dominion. The C.C.F. was on top in two constituencies in Nova Scotia, one in Quebec, 15 in Ontario, 13 in Manitoba, 21 in Saskatchewan, 5 in Alberta and 14 in British Columbia.

Outstanding result of the service vote count was the defeat of Prime Minister Mackenzie King by E. L. Bowerman, C.C.F. candidate in Prince Albert. Mr. King had a lead of 263 on the basis of the civilian vote. This margin was wiped out by the soldier ballots and Mr. Bowerman ended up with a plurality of 129.

Of the 71 ridings in the four western provinces the service vote put the C.C.F. on top in 53. In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia the soldiers gave the C.C.F. leading places in 48 of the 64 constituencies.

Did Well in Alberta Even in Alberta the soldiers showed a preference for the C.C.F. in 5 of the 17 seats. In Edmonton East Alderman Harry Ainlay was well out in front with 841. His nearest opponent, the Social Credit candidate who won the seat with the civilian vote, received 773.

In Calgary East P. N. R. Mor- (Continued on Page 6)

WARNS U.S. FACING GRAVE JOB CRISIS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Warning Congress, and through it the country, that reconversion problems are pressing on our heels and must be solved satisfactorily if a crisis is to be averted, Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (Dem., Wyo.) has submitted to the Senate a report of the most startling nature.

The Wyoming Senator deems the situation so serious that he urged that the Senate Military Affairs be given special authority to make a continuous study and investigation of all phases of the problem, first to see that administration agencies keep on their toes, and second, to be ready to grapple with an emergency as soon as it develops.

Challenge to Nation If the war with Japan should end suddenly, O'Mahoney said, it would be necessary to find jobs for as many as 18 million workers.

Unless ways are found of transferring without delay workers from war to civilian production, O'Mahoney insisted, the nation will be in grave danger.

SASK. GOV'T FORMS P'TG CORPORATION

REGINA—To operate the Saskatchewan Government's printing plant in Regina, a crown corporation to be known as the Saskatchewan Government Printing Co., has been established.

This newest corporation brings to four the number of crown companies now in operation under the Crown Corporations Act.

Under the chairmanship of Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines, two directors have been named, Thomas Lax, deputy provincial treasurer and John Hughes, who also has been named manager of the plant.

The printing plant was purchased from McInnis Brothers early this year by the provincial government.

The three other crown corporations now in operation are the War Assets Reconstruction Corporation, Clay Products Corporation and Wool Products Corporation.

American Railroads Are Not Doing Badly

Profits of the railroads scored further gains in April the Association of American Railroads report.

After paying all charges, the carriers had left \$54,300,000, which is an increase of about 13 per cent compared with April, 1944.

\$5 Billion Project for U.S. Rural Electrification

A great deal has been said about the tremendous benefits to be derived from an adequate rural electrification program for Canada, but precious little concrete planning by official agencies has been done.

In contrast to this state of affairs in Canada, the Post-War Planning Committee of the Rural Electrification Administration in the U.S. late last fall submitted to the department of agriculture a preliminary report that outlines a concrete, ambitiously planned program for the future.

Five Year Plan

The report proposes a five-year rural electrification program which would create an outlet for over \$5 billion worth of goods and services and provide electric service to 3,655,000 rural dwellings.

It is estimated that the program will involve 2½ million man-years of labor.

The report is based on data of the 1940 census, from reports of REA-financed co-operatives throughout the country, from actual un electrified-farm surveys of 600 counties, and on the findings and reports of the various state post war planning committees established under the auspices of the department of agriculture. It sets as post war objectives (1) electric service to all rural people, (2) full use of electricity on the farmstead, (3) its full use for rural community welfare, and (4) its use in developing local rural industries.

Co-operative Distribution While more than six million occupied rural dwellings in the U.S. (Continued on Page 5)

PERSONAL STUFF

BY E. E. R.



WHEN an election is over, it is over. The members elected are there until the next election. So maybe speculating about what might have been is an idle exercise. However, in the election held last week in Canada there was a factor which did have some effect after the main bout was over, and about which it is possible to do some interesting things with that great little word "if". For example, if the civilian vote had followed the pattern of the soldier vote in Alberta, the C.C.F. would have elected five members in this province, 14 in British Columbia, 21 in Saskatchewan and 13 in Manitoba. 'Twould have been quite a sweep if the fellows who did all the fighting had done all the voting. But a separation of the overseas service vote from the service vote polled in Canada shows something even more interesting.

There were a number of areas in which the votes of service men stationed in Canada were counted. One of these areas took in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Yukon. All the service votes cast in this area were counted in Edmonton. I have the results before me. The total service vote polled by Alberta Social Credit candidates was 8,647, of which 2,222 were polled in Western Canada, leaving a net of 6,425 polled overseas and in other parts of Canada. The total C.C.F. service vote for Alberta candidates was 8,169, of which 1,235 were polled in Western Canada, leaving a net of 6,934 polled overseas or (Continued on Page 5)

MAY FIX DATE FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS

REGINA—Possibility of setting a fixed date for Saskatchewan provincial elections every four or five years is being considered by the government, according to Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines. Such a move was contemplated, said Mr. Fines, to meet charges that the C.C.F. would attempt to stay in power indefinitely. He pointed out that even if such a step were taken, there would be no change in that part of the Election Act providing for an election if the government were defeated on a want of confidence motion.

A resolution urging such action was passed at the last annual meeting of the Saskatchewan section of the C.C.F., said Mr. Fines, when fixed dates for elections were urged, similar to the United States' system.

ENGLISH FARMERS JOIN WITH LABOR

LONDON, Eng.—Farmers joined farm workers in making agricultural history at a public conference held at Aylsham, Norfolk.

Together they pledged support for Alderman Gooch as prospective candidate for North Norfolk at the coming General Election.

One farmer after another took part in a free-for-all discussion. "There is no sense in haphazard and uncontrolled production," said Mr. James Alston, of Cuthorpe, one of Norfolk's most successful largescale farmers.

"If we want a prosperous rural community we must make full use of the Labor Party's Agricultural Marketing Act."

Election Review

By DAVID LEWIS
C.C.F. National Secretary

THE results of the federal election, and of the Ontario provincial election, point up clearly the task which lies ahead of us, particularly in central and eastern Canada. Every one of us was keenly disappointed with the results, but I have not yet found one C.C.F. member or supporter who is discouraged. On the contrary, the faith in our movement remains unshaken. Such faith will win, in spite of temporary set-backs.

C.C.F. Gov't Endorsed

One of the most significant and heartening things about the federal election was the overwhelming endorsement of the C.C.F. program received from the people of Saskatchewan. On the basis of the civilian vote we won 17 out of the 21 federal seats in that province. The service vote may increase the number. There could be no greater tribute to the record of the first C.C.F. government.

This becomes even more striking if one remembers that the C.C.F. labored under great difficulty during the last week of the federal campaign. The serious setback in Ontario and the obvious swing to the Liberal Party were bound to have an effect on our chances everywhere. Yet in spite of these obstacles, the Saskatchewan people swept over eighty per cent of their C.C.F. candidates to Ottawa.

It is, in my opinion, of the utmost importance to bring this to the attention of the Canadian people and, particularly, to the farmers of Ontario and the east. It is the most eloquent answer to the falsehoods and misrepresentations of our opponents.

Tory Hopes Dashed

I imagine that never in the political history of this country had a party made so determined, so expensive and so unscrupulous a bid for power as did the Conservative party in the federal election. It was also clear that Trestrail and all the other Big Business agencies were working directly for and with the Tories. Finally, they had the great psychological advantage of their victory in Ontario. Yet in spite of all these things, the Tories managed to elect only sixty-five, more than two-thirds of them in Ontario.

The Conservative party is crowing over the results, but it really has little to crow about. True, its unscrupulous and vicious campaign of falsehood and slander was successful in temporarily checking the advance of the C.C.F. in Ontario. But the Tory Party remains merely an Ontario party, without much support or standing in the rest of Canada.

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DAVID LEWIS,

L.P.P. Support Negligible

Another point of great importance to the Labor movement is the insignificance of the Communist support in the country. L.P.P. candidates received fair votes in a few British Columbia seats, in Winnipeg, in Spadina and Trinity in Toronto and won Cartier in Montreal. In these seven or eight constituencies the Communists received about half their total vote. In all the rest of the country their votes were less than negligible.

The lesson is clear. The Canadian Communist Party has no more than a small nuisance value. All that the L.P.P. can claim to its credit in the two elections is that it formed part of the reactionary campaign to stop the C.C.F. at all costs. What a record for a working-class party!

Education Needed

There is no mystery about the cause of the C.C.F. set-back in Ontario and other parts of Canada. The Big Business scare campaign was successful, just as in 1942 the Zinoviev Letter succeeded in stopping the British Labor Party. If we, of the C.C.F., were at fault, it was in our failure to realize the extent to which that campaign was taking on among certain large groups of our people.

The Ontario provincial C.C.F. vote is the significant one. What happened one week later in the federal vote was inevitable after the June 4th results. It was clear to all of us working in Ontario that a considerable section of the C.C.F. vote would swing federally behind the Liberals, not because they were deserting the C.C.F., but because they were determined to stop the Tories. Many of us will consider this short-sighted reasoning, but under the circumstances it was entirely natural.

The important fact about the Ontario provincial C.C.F. vote was that it was almost the same as the popular vote we received in 1943. In fact, in many constituencies which we lost this year, our vote was larger than in 1943 when we won them. Warned by our success in 1943, the Tories organized a "get out the vote" campaign which spared no expense and which paid no attention to such unimportant things as truth or decency. No one

knows better than I do the extent to which Big Business stooped even to race prejudice, and anti-semitism.

Issues Clear

The lessons of the elections are clear, and I hope C.C.F. members will not look for alibis but will face the situation honestly and with determination. Our roots in Ontario and in the east were not deep enough, our organization not strong enough to withstand the viciousness and extent of the Big Business campaign. This is the simple and all-important lesson.

Tens of thousands of farmers and city voters, particularly women, believed the lies about the C.C.F. confiscating farms, homes, savings, insurance policies and even, in one case which has been reported to me, that the C.C.F. would take all children away at age three and place them in collective institutions. Our education had not reached them. They did not know the truth and had no reason to refuse to believe falsehoods.

Our task is therefore clear. We must work the next two or three years as we have never worked before. We must undertake an educational and organizational campaign which will branch out to all groups of the population. We must bring the truth about democratic socialism to the people and expose effectively the real purpose behind the lies of Big Business. We must do so imaginatively through the use of modern techniques such as the radio, the listening group and the film.

Three Times As Large
Our national leader, Mr. Coldwell, goes into the next Parliament with a group three times as large as formerly and with members of great ability, courage and sincerity. I have not the slightest doubt but that they will once again demonstrate to the people of Canada who their real champions are.

The complications and physiological instabilities of war will soon be entirely removed by the coming victory. "The basic struggles on the domestic front will become clearer. Our service men and women are returning home, determined to see fundamental changes in our system, strong in their support of the C.C.F. and in no mood to tolerate the effects of unemployment and injustice. Capitalist prosperity due to war conditions will give way to the usual strains and contradictions of our present system. The warnings of the C.C.F. will come true, and the people will remember then Time—and a relatively short time—will prove the correctness and the far-sightedness of the C.C.F. program. We must begin now to prepare our movement for victory when that time comes.

The class was studying magnetism. "Robert," asked the professor, "how many natural magnets are there?"

"Two, sir," was the surprising answer.

"And will you please name them?"

"Blondes and brunettes, sir."

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THEY HIDE BEHIND MR. CHURCHILL

LONDON, Eng.—"There is still Nazism in Britain, not a little of it in the Conservative front benches," said Professor Laski, vice-president of the Labor Party, in Manchester recently.

He was addressing Manchester's biggest May Day demonstration since 1926—a rally of 60,000 people.

"We must make a clean sweep of these people who are hiding behind the ample proportions and dignity of Winston Churchill," he said.

Mr. Laski described the Conservative Party as a phenomenon that borrowed its strength from the working class to safeguard its property.

All the things that we were promised when danger was hardest we would now be told the country could not afford. There would be plenty of houses and educational reforms—but not at present.

If the Conservative Party were returned to power, monopolies and cartels would be given a new lease of life.

Aggressive Campaign
Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, at the London Labor

Party May Day reunion, said: "We have got to be certain that London returns not only a majority but a substantial majority of Labor members to the House of Commons."

"Shake the Party organization up. Go into the fight with vigor, courage and idealism."

"Let us go in a spirit of adventure and constructive effort, so that Labor may be able nationally to do the constructive work which has been rendered in this city in local government."

Fight on Principles

The same note of aggressive election campaigning was sounded in a Wakefield speech by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, M.P.

"I am not sweating blood to raise a £250,000 election fund just for a defeatist policy," he said bluntly.

And, he wanted it to be an election fought on principles—not personalities.

Mr. Churchill once said the Labor Party was not fit to govern. But he would not say that at the next election. He had admitted that without the Labor Party we should not be as near victory as we were.

Regain Lost Liberties in Britain

By KENNETH C. RATHBONE

WITHIN two or three days of V-E Day the British Government entirely revoked 84 Defence Regulations and partially revoked 25 others, so keeping an oft repeated promise that such encroachments on the liberties of the people were only temporary necessities.

Among the revoked are Regulation 1AA which made it an offence to foment or advocate a strike except at a legitimate trade union meeting.

One is no longer liable to prosecution for corrupting public morale by publishing matter "calculated to foment opposition to the prosecution of any war in which His Majesty is engaged." 2C and 2D were the principal Regulations under this head, and it was under

these orders that certain newspapers were warned of suppression and in some cases actually suppressed if they did not heed the warning. The "Daily Mirror" was warned and moderated itself somewhat; the "Daily Worker" was warned, paid no heed to the warning, and was suppressed for a period. Two semi-official Post newspapers published in London were also banned because they published anti-Semitic propaganda.

Also among the revoked is 18B, under which people were liable to detention without being brought to trial. Any persons detained under this Regulation are now to be released. The people chiefly affected by this have been Fascists and others of the political Right.

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THE ELECTION SCORE

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: There seems to be a tendency on the part of some of our C.C.F.ers to feel somewhat despondent over the result of the Dominion elections. I have met and talked to some who talk and act as if they feel we are sunk. Well, let us see what the score is.

Great efforts are being made to make it appear that the Liberals have scored a tremendous victory. The facts are that in the face of the most shameless orgy of vote-buying we have yet seen in Canada, during the last year and a half, only 99 per cent of the voters endorsed the King government. The remaining 1 per cent voted "no confidence."

At the time of writing this letter Mr. King's personal election is decidedly uncertain. It appears that if he is elected at all it will be by an extremely narrow margin. He has definitely lost two of his Cabinet Ministers and the fate of another, Mr. Gardiner, is very much in the balance. The loss of his Minister of National Defence—Mr. McNaughton's second defeat in a few months—is a personal rebuke to Mr. King.

The Liberal Party polled 564,965 less votes than it did in 1940 (civilian vote) and elected, I believe, 37 fewer members than it had at dissolution. It lost 27 seats to the Conservatives, 10 to the C.C.F. and two to Social Credit. It did not elect sufficient members to give it a clear majority (again civilian vote). In face of all this it would seem as if the Liberal party is on pretty shaky ground. This, in spite of the fact that it had the assistance of Tim Buck's party, those self-styled Progressives, whose idea of progress is to tear down and destroy what progress it has taken others years to build up.

John Bracken was brought in and made the front for the Conservatives in an effort to once more fool and befuddle the Prairie farmers but the latter did not fall for it. The fact that Bracken was Premier of Manitoba for twenty years and that today the farmers of Manitoba are in exactly the same boat as those of the other provinces likely had something to do with it. Anyway, the party of the two Georges—McCullagh and Drew—only elected five members between the Great Lakes and the Rockies. This spells the finish of the Conservatives on the Prairies. They are reeling about the ring, groggy, ready for the K.O. in the next round, five years hence.

What about the C.C.F.? When the figures for the general services vote are released I for one will be surprised if we have not doubled our vote across Canada since 1940. We polled a substantially good vote all across Canada. Even in the Maritimes and Quebec where almost no organizational work has been done, the vote was surprisingly strong. This is a healthy sign. We increased our membership in the House of Commons by 160 per cent. We gained 13 seats from the

Liberals and three from the Conservatives. I believe the vote received by the C.C.F. this time can safely be regarded as a sound, solid, socialist vote, that can not be swayed by vicious propaganda designed to fool the people, a la Hitler.

We polled, roughly, 10,000 more votes in Alberta than we did in 1940, indicating a sound, healthy growth in this Province. When the people who are voting Social Credit today once get their feet on the ground and learn something about such things as the class struggle, economic determinism, and get rid of some of the phonies who are misleading them, they too will be in the C.C.F., where they belong. The C.C.F., far from being discouraged, is in a very favorable position today. It is enjoying a strong, steady growth and five years hence, if we learn from some blunders that have been made in the past, we will be all ready to take charge. Are we downhearted? NO!

D. P. MORRISON.
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CLAIMS NO CONNECTION

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: An article appeared in your paper recently under the heading "Fascism in Alberta" in which the information relating to the Federation of Canadian Voters was obtained from the offices of the Alberta Farmers' Union at 102 La Fleche Building. This left the impression that the two organizations were connected. This is not so.

The facts are that the Alberta Farmers' Union rents a room to the Armed Forces Federation, which has sponsored the Federation of Canadian Voters so as to include all voters, and the general entrance to this room is through the same outside door, which bears the number 102.

There is no connection between the Alberta Farmers' Union and the Federation of Canadian Voters and we trust you will print this explanation in fairness to both organizations.

H. E. NICHOLS,
Secretary,
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102 La Fleche Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

BENEFITS OF CIVILIZATION

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: We call Canada a "Christian and civilized country" yet our laws penalize anyone who tries to share food with a person in need. (Meaning existing laws prohibiting MILK being given away). We can throw it out; give it to dogs or chickens, but not to *Children*? Yet there are many children who have never had the opportunity to acquire a taste for milk, because it has been impossible for the parents to buy it.

Ten and twelve years ago there were many hungry people; some living in hovels trying to keep going on a relief pittance, some wandering in search of work, but if these people asked for food or money to buy food with, they were punished by law!

There were instances of young men arrested for "Vagrancy" for just such a cause, and children "investigated by police" for selling "paper flowers without a license." I say—"Why weren't Governments ridiculed by newspapers and wel-

fare agencies" for allowing its humanity to be so neglected? These people were trying hard enough to hang onto a sense of giving what they could under their bad circumstances, and could not be blamed for the indifference of their Ottawa government who denied them all opportunity for a normal, healthy, useful life, but answered "the call to defend our country in war" and were promised, "full employment and care of their dependents." Many of these people have returned from the war seeking only to find that industries are closing down as the war draws to a close, and the same government (unable to solve past problems) asking them for votes so they may "carry on as usual." Why do they want to continue in office when they have shown themselves incapable of understanding true conditions, let alone solving future problems?

Ten Years of Social Credit government in Alberta leaves us with housing conditions worse than in pioneer days, Jewish delinquency increasing as there is no "work group organizations or equipment to meet its needs" and the Liberals. Conservatives and Social Credit parties telling us that to USE the Natural Resources of our Country for the "Good of All" would be Hitlerism, Fascism and Regeneration.

I, personally, cannot see any resemblance in a wholesome desire to assume responsibility to protect humanity and the Nazi-mad desire of the money powers to destroy it.

A FORMER LIBERAL!
Edmonton

ANNIHILATED!

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I read in the papers where Premier Manning has been doing some rejoicing over the "annihilation" of the "socialists" in the federal election. If the C.C.F. can only get "annihilated" in the same way four years from now it will be the government of Canada. For a party to double its vote and treble its membership in parliament is a good way to get "annihilated!"

Social Credit elected 17 members in 1935, 15 in Alberta and 2 in Saskatchewan. It only elected 13 this time, all in Alberta. In Saskatchewan it only succeeded in losing deposits.

The C.C.F. on the other hand elected 7 in 1935, 8 in 1940 and 28 in 1945. Apparently the Social Credit leaders think they have only to say a thing to make it true. But when they say the C.C.F. has been "annihilated," I wonder what they think has happened to Social Credit, everywhere but in Alberta.

H. S. LEWIS
Edmonton.

MAKES A COMPARISON

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: As a Britisher I am proud of the fact that even the capitalist newspapers in the old country (Continued on Page 7)

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By H. ZELLA SPENCER

AS I said in my last letter, I have been wondering "Why?" Wondering why all of our C.C.F. men and women in Alberta, some of the type, shall we say of Mr. Romming, all went down to defeat. I tried to be kindly in my judgment. But something I read just a few minutes ago has interested me very much.

It is an extract from the London, England, correspondent of the Ottawa Citizen. It was describing the Canadian Lord Beaverbrook's method of carrying on the election campaign for the Conservatives, a method which even the Conservatives were deploring although it might mean gains for them. And, by the way, it made one wonder we are so saturated with that method of electioneering that we take it with us wherever we go. It certainly does not speak well for Canadian parents, the Canadian press or the Canadian people.

This article said, "To describe the Socialist party as the National Socialists taking their political beliefs from Germany and to print extracts from Labor speeches wholly divorced from the context and circumstances in which they were made, is not playing the game as the British like to have it played." Later, the article continues, "Lord Beaverbrook's papers have now reached the state of shrieking, 'Gestapo in Britain if the Socialists win. This is described by the more reputable independent journals as a new low level even in general elections.'"

I had almost forgotten that wasn't done! While that may not be a way the British like to have it played, it is most popular in Canada. We reached that low level some time ago and we seem to grovel in it.

As I always say, there are no doubt adherents to other parties sincere and honest in their belief. There are unfortunately a large number who are awayed by the falsehood of a publication like the pamphlet, "Social Suicide" put out at election time. They themselves may not have the interest or the studiousness to read it, but a few of the falsehoods are repeated to them with every air of authority by those who would influence them. Of course it does not always

work. I heard of a woman who has given this pamphlet by the local banker. She read it. The result was, she being a woman of intelligence, said "That settles it, I am voting C.C.F." The very obvious union of all parties who pretend such differences was too much for her. And yet how short a time ago people would not have believed that the bankers would be coming to the help of the Social Credit candidates.

As I said, such a pre-election campaign does much to sway a vote—the mob spirit is aroused. But the steady diet of that same food, of that painting the socialism of the C.C.F. as "State Socialism," of the shrieking "Gestapo" if Socialists win, has its effect. It has created fear. And is not that what is done here? And of all, is not the organ of the Alberta Social Credit party, now extended to the Dominion Social Credit, the one who feeds most steadily of that diet? In Britain they call it, "not playing the game," and "reaching a new low level" even in general election policies. Here, I do not know what those who serve it call it, but we know it is a steady one and waits no general election super-excitement.

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MAKE PLANS KNOWN

ALREADY post-war problems are beginning to assert themselves. Already men are returning from the European war with no knowledge of what they are going to do. Throughout the summer the situation in this respect will be intensified.

It is the duty of the federal government to make some sort of an announcement immediately about its employment plans. Surely there must be such plans. Surely the government has not waited for the deluge of returning men before it begins to plan for their rehabilitation into civilian employment. And if there are plans they should be made public. It is true that the government has a system of gratuities. But that won't fill the bill. Men should not be compelled to spend their gratuities to live on. They should be able to save them or to keep them until there is some chance to use them to assist in setting up homes.

There should be no idleness at all. If the government of the country is as serious about peace-time prosperity as it had to be about war production, it can employ every man who comes back from Europe and who is not employed by private industry.

PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE

THREE years is a short time. If we deduct from each year the periods in which no organizing work can be done it will be seen that there are not so very many months remaining before there may be another provincial election in Alberta.

At a provincial Board meeting which will be held before long, plans must be made for intensive work in the constituencies to let the people of Alberta know what the C.C.F. stands for and to combat the almost incredibly vicious falsehoods which were disseminated during the federal election. In no province in Canada was the attack on the C.C.F. as ferocious as in this province, with the Social Credit speakers out-Trestrail Trestrail with the virulence of their blitz. There probably is no other province, therefore, where it is more essential to get the truth about the C.C.F. to the people.

It would appear that on the basis of federal constituencies or groups of constituencies it should be possible to raise an annual budget to keep an organizer employed the year 'round covering the territory under his direction. We now have one motion picture machine which it is expected soon will have a power attachment to enable it to be used anywhere. Federal constituencies or groups of constituencies should arrange to get others to be used by speakers and organizers. There are some splendid films being released for use in such machines, showing various phases of social progress. These could be the basis of a good educational program.

C.C.F. members throughout the province should do some hard thinking about the immediate future and be prepared to let provincial officers have the benefit of their suggestions.

B. C. NEXT

BEFORE the federal election it was expected that there would be a provincial election in British Columbia this fall. The results of last week's vote may change the coalition government's plans.

The C.C.F. won five seats in British Columbia in the Dominion election and would have won six more if the vote had not been split by the Labor Progressive Party. Whether the Communists will show themselves to be as anxious to have the coalition government returned as they were to save Mr. Mackenzie King is a matter yet to be determined.

On the basis of the federal vote it is certain that the only way the coalition can be maintained is for it to fight the election as a coalition. If Liberals and Conservatives both contest seats the chance of a C.C.F. government being elected is very good indeed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

War news: Prince Albert Liberated by Canadian Soldiers.

In the federal election eighteen per cent of the civilian vote in Alberta voted C.C.F. Thirty per cent of the armed services vote went for C.C.F. candidates. By the way, Alderman H. D. Ainlay, in Edmonton East, received more service votes than any other candidate of any party in the province.

Although officially the Liberal government hasn't a clear majority it will have the support of the Independent Liberals from Quebec and, of course, the one L.P.P. member. There will be no excuse for any failure to provide employment for all the men returning from overseas.

Mr. King has a way of playing the political game that gets results and was to be to the Liberal who tries to thwart him. Colonel Ralston was considered the strong man to succeed the Prime Minister. Where is Mr. Ralston now?

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"Only one major factor is clear from the recent outpouring of words from platforms and radios is, of course, that the society of Canada, whoever is in office for the next five years, will move and is moving rapidly to the Left, towards social reforms of all sorts, towards more costly government, towards a greater responsibility for the unfortunate, towards some form of New Deal. That is where it should be moving. Our actual democracy in Canada is far better than our political campaigning."

—Bruce Hutchison
in Edmonton Bulletin

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—Extract from speech by Sir Stafford Cripps in London Daily Herald.

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"Full employment would be incompatible with the free enterprise system, which carries with it the right to a normal flow of unemployment," Mr. Pennell, addressing the U.S. Investment Banker's Association, Nov. 4, 1943.

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"The decision to make family allowance cheques payable to fathers in Quebec is an 'insult' to the women of that province," says Constance P. Garneau, president of La Ligue des Droits de la Femme (League for Women's Rights). She complains that this decision is based upon Quebec's Civil Code, which 'places the married women of Quebec on the same level as imbeciles and criminals' and adds: 'The good father who is conscious of his duties towards his children would not object to seeing his wife, who administers the family budget, receive the family allowance. The opponents are the other types of fathers, and it is precisely against those that the children must be protected. If the legislation is not amended, the entire province will be ruled by the wishes of the minority!'

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R. E. Bercht, Inisfail, won the award last week for the best comment sent to 'The Third Column.'

On the March

By M. J. COLDWELL, M.P.,
C.C.F. NATIONAL LEADER

THE Federal campaign of the C.C.F. was fought on issues that will confront the country in the next four years. A ray of light against us were all the exploiting organizations in the country. They ranged from monopolies who financed Trestrail and Gladstone Murray to Labor-Progressives who seek to exploit the Trade Unions and workers' organizations for their own purposes.

Considering everything, the C.C.F. did well. Had the civilians voted as our overseas Service personnel did, the C.C.F. would at least be the official opposition. That is a most complete answer to those who viciously deceived ill-informed electors with their cry that "the C.C.F. is just like Nazism."

A very large percentage of the men who have fought Fascism and Nazism recognized in those who financed and controlled the old parties, the real Fascist leaders of Canada.

Hew to the Line

Now we go forward with complete assurance that we shall exert a profound influence in Parliament. We shall show to the line, fighting only for the plain people of this country. In a few months thousands of our troops will be demobilized, workers will be released in

their thousands from war industries. The free enterprisers and their political servants will be called upon by the C.C.F. to make good their promise of full employment. When they fail, the workers who voted against us will realize the deceit that all other parties practiced upon them.

On the March

We lost one seat, South York, which was represented in the last House by one of its outstanding members whose services to the Movement we must try to retain in another capacity. Our total vote was impressive and will be, at least, twice as large as the number we polled in 1940. Our opponents have no reason to rejoice and we have every reason to be encouraged. We can go forward with absolute assurance that the C.C.F. is in line with the trend in all the progressive countries of the world. Canada has always lagged behind in social movements and social reform, but we are on the march.

We begin immediately to build again for the next contest. I am leaving next week for my own constituency, where we took the deposits of both of our opponents, in order to consolidate our gains and prepare for the next election. May I suggest to you all—in the biblical phrase—"Go and do thou likewise."

Victory in Cariboo

By CLIFFORD E. LEE,
C.C.F. PROVINCIAL TREASURER

William Irvine is elected in the Cariboo. The electors there recognized the calibre of our candidate is a source of great satisfaction to those who know the man or his pen.

I spent a few days in the part of the constituency which lies on this side of the mountains. Besides a welcome opportunity to support Irvine it was a chance to observe new territory. It had its interests both geographical and political.

As always I was impressed by the people who are the spearhead of our movement. As Ernie Cook said, "The C.C.F. is a kind of people." The imagination, humanism, and determination of socialists wherever you go is always a refreshing contrast to the stunted thinking which is still dominant as we start modelling our post-war Canada.

The Peace River Block contains some beautiful country. It must be a grand place to live, but sometimes not such a good place to make a living. The extra freight which adds to the cost of what the farmer buys and subtracts from the return on what he sells often represents the whole profit in producing. Every voter in one poll I visited had been on relief in the 'thirties and will be again if farm prices go back. I met a farmer who shipped a carload of wheat and received in payment a bill for \$8 freight. Another received \$1.79 net return on a cow.

A rail outlet to the coast is so important to these people. Some settlers have been waiting 30 years for it. There are usually some signs of activity before each federal election: At Dawson Creek and Fort St. John there were again surveying parties and the Liberal candidate convinced some that at last the road is to be built!

Thirty Years Waiting

There are hundreds of thousands of acres of good land covered by brush. Farmers couldn't raise the capital to clear the land and produce wasn't worth the raising anyway. This is the area which in a planned economy would still have few farms. Thirty years waiting for a railroad is too much of 'somebody's life. Either he shouldn't have been there or the

road should have gone in long ago.

This country appears about to come into its own. Its vastness is awe-inspiring. Considering crowded Europe we just cannot justify undeveloped expanse like this. With a railroad and a functioning economy this country can provide homes for many thousands of people.

I saw the beauty of the Peace River from the air and travelled on the famous Alaska highway. One can't help remarking at this great accomplishment of men and machines working on nature. People can do great things collectively; its too bad it takes a war to get the lead out of our pants. The future of that highway probably depends upon the resources it taps, as yet more or less a speculation. I think its tourist value is doubtful: too many miles per scenic view, and the Alberta highway linking the U.S. to Dawson Creek are comparatively speaking just cow-trails.

Marked Difference

This was a fight between Irvine and the Liberal, Turgeon. The Bracken candidate didn't cut much ice except in the towns. It's funny how small-town business men get the idea that their interests are different from those of the farmers who are their customers. I learned that our speeches had a different ring from what was usual in many spots up there. The Liberals offered roads, patronage, a new culvert over the Creek. Bill Irvine talked a new way of life, on an international level. I think a lot of people appreciated the difference.

Election machinery was of course in Liberal hands. I saw some almost unbelievable bungling of election lists and polling sites. Mostly sheer incompetence, but it is in this kind of setting that election crookedness thrives.

Get Their 'Social Suicide' Even forty miles in the bush they got their copies of 'Social Suicide.' The Trestrail stuff was on CFPG much more than the Edmonton and Calgary stations, probably because more time was available there. I understand it was

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LOOKS FORWARD TO PROVINCIAL FIGHT

Wm. Irvine
William Irvine, Alberta C.C.F. leader, was backed by a wide awake organization in Cariboo this time. This constituency was the first to exceed its quota in the B.C. Victory Fund campaign. The organization then voluntarily took a 20 percent increase in its quota and passed that mark before June 11 and at the same time increased the circulation of C.C.F. NEWS within the constituency three-fold.

S.C. Losses Deposits

A feature of the results in B.C. was that all eleven of the Labor-Progressive candidates lost their deposits by a wide margin. Social Credit candidates made a dismal showing, all nine of them losing their deposits. In the greater Vancouver area five so-called Democrats polled a handful of votes apiece.

The fate of the Japanese-Canadians, who resided in the lower mainland of B.C. prior to Pearl Harbor, was a live topic here. But in spite of the distortion of the C.C.F. position on this question, running to outright mendaciousness, the C.C.F. maintained its share of the popular vote in the province, while gaining three seats.

While the L.P.P. candidates made a sorry showing, it is fair to say that their divisive tactics bore fruit in at least seven constituencies. No doubt, because of this result, L.P.P. forces feel that they have accomplished their mission in the campaign just completed. Their self-advertised labor leadership made little impression on the organized workers of this province.

The results of the poll on June 11 and the response to the Victory Campaign Fund appeal, which raised 84 percent of the \$80,480 objective before June 11, are not discouraging. The C.C.F. in this province looks forward to the next provincial election with confidence.

Edmonton C.C.F. to Hold Meeting and Dance on July 10

East and West Edmonton Constituency Associations is holding a meeting and dance in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Tuesday, July 10, at 8.15 p.m.

Harry W. Smith, campaign manager, will submit a report, followed by discussion. Refreshments will then be served and an orchestra will provide music for dancing from 10 o'clock until midnight.

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in other parts of Canada. That puts us ahead. I venture to say that if we can get a separation of the service vote polled in all of Canada from the total vote over- seas, the margin in favor of the C.C.F. will be greater still. On the basis of the total service vote, if the civilians had voted as the soldiers did the C.C.F. would have won five seats in Alberta. But if we deduct from the total service votes of all parties the votes which were polled in Western Canada, the score would have been Social Credit, 8; C.C.F., 7; Liberal, 1; Progressive Conservative, 1. In other words, the nearer the service men were to the fighting the more C.C.F. they were in their voting.

On the basis of the total soldier vote if the civilians had voted as the soldiers did the C.C.F. would have won the constituencies of Athabasca, Bow River, Edmonton East, Calgary East and Peace River. On the basis of the service vote polled outside of Western Canada, Camrose and Medicine Hat would have been added to the list. Yes, I know all about the saddest words of tongue or pen being "it might have been" but I'm getting some satisfaction out of this anyway. Based on the vote of the soldiers in the Ontario provincial election in 1943, which strongly favored the C.C.F., we used the slogan "vote as the soldiers vote" in the Alberta election. It backed on us. The soldier vote in the provincial election went Social Credit. We took a lot of ribbing about it, especially in the legislature. But that soldier vote only included Alberta soldiers who were stationed in Alberta. It is nice to know that in the federal election more overseas soldiers from Alberta voted C.C.F. than for any other party.

With some scattered results yet to come in, the C.C.F. vote is recorded in today's newspapers at 805,778, well over double the final vote of 391,035 polled in 1940. Looks as if we're slipping, doesn't it! Brother, nearly a million votes is a great foundation on which to build. No wonder the Financial Post in its post election issue warns its readers that the "socialist menace" is far from extinct. Not only did we double our vote but we doubled the C.C.F. percentage of the total vote polled, from 8% to 16%. The Liberals polled 500,000 fewer votes than they got in 1940. The Conservative vote remained almost exactly the same. Only the C.C.F. made a gain. We almost trebled our strength in the House. Twenty-eight members such as were elected last week will really cut in coming sessions. Yes, verily, the Financial Post and the reactionary economic dictatorship for which it speaks will find out that the C.C.F. in Canada is very much in the picture. Our task as members of the movement is to back up our members in parliament and legislatures by consolidating the very notable gains recorded in last week's voting.

Want Nurses Use Union Bargaining

MONTREAL—A method of collective bargaining must be formulated for Canadian nurses, Miss Esther Beith urged here in an address at the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Royal Nurses Association of the Province of Quebec.

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do not now have central station electric service, the report declares that over half of them can be reached within the five-year period by extensions from existing rural power systems or from a few new ones. These new lines would be constructed by both public and private financing, though the report concludes that co-operatives will provide the principal means of carrying out this program.

The report does not attempt to break down the five-year figures between private financing and

public funds. It does, however, cite a possible 3-year program of REA loans—for construction of distribution lines and for other purposes, such as rehabilitation of existing facilities, establishment of additional generation and transmission facilities, and financing installations of plumbing and appliances and other equipment using electricity.

The loan funds required for this purpose would total \$579 million. Among the tables included in the report is one showing tentative figures, by states, of the rural consumers to receive service, the total man-years of labor involved, and investment required.

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Our Next Move

By IORNE INGLE

WHOM can we blame? No C.C.F.'er will consciously ask himself that question, but unconsciously we probably all do it. Why did we lose? Was it Trestrail and the smear campaign of big business? Was it the misrepresentation of C.C.F. policies by the old parties? I have heard C.C.F.'ers expressing all sorts of opinions on the subject. Some say it was our literature that was ineffective. Others say that such advertising as we could afford did not have the right appeal. A good many blamed Ted Jolliffe for springing the political police charge at the wrong time only to have it backfire.

This tendency to look for a "goat", someone to blame, is quite natural and to the extent that we can learn from past mistakes is profitable enough. But let's not spend too much time looking backward and let us not place blame on any of our able leaders simply

because we think there may have been some errors in election tactics. This period immediately following the election is an exceedingly precious one to our movement both from an organizational and an educational point of view. The opportunities open now will not occur again until after the next election, and in this article I'd like to make a few suggestions on some of the things our poll workers, clubs and riding associations might do in this period.

Morale Booster

In the first place, it seems to me that C.C.F. workers from coast to coast, in ridings where we lost as well as in ridings where we won, are entitled to a treat. For the past couple of months and more it has been, for canvassers, poll workers, scrutineers, club and riding executives and candidates a tough steady grind of hard—and for the most part disappointing—work. How about a social gathering for them? A dance, or a picnic, or a banquet with a little entertainment. They deserve, and would appreciate, a bit of fun! Properly arranged it can be a real morale booster.

Preserve the Records

Next, preserve the records! In the relaxation that always follows elections it's so easy for precious material—voters lists,

records of the votes cast by polls, notices of poll boundaries, maps, etc., to get misplaced or destroyed. The official documents referred to are almost indispensable aids to the proper organizing of the riding and are practically irreplaceable if they get lost. Copies of voters' lists, particularly, are valuable and every riding association should make an effort to gather as many copies as possible both for immediate and future use.

If it has not already been done, the constituency office or constituency secretary should create a file for every poll. Copies of the voters lists should be filed accordingly. These files should also contain the definition of the poll boundaries and a statement of the votes cast for each candidate in that poll. Those known to be C.C.F. sympathizers should be marked on each voters list and poll workers and members indicated in some way. This master list should be kept up to date as information from canvassing comes in.

The canvasser must likewise have a copy of the voters list on which he can check, opposite each person's name after he has called on them, "Favorable", "Unfavorable", or "Doubtful", or some similar classification. His list should be regularly consulted to bring the master copy on file up to date. The copies used by the canvasser sooner or later become smudged and torn, hence the need for as many extra copies as possible.

The Canvasser

The most important qualifications of a good canvasser are a thorough knowledge of what the C.C.F. stands for and an ability to stay out of arguments. Once the canvasser allows himself to be manoeuvred into an argument he might as well give up and go to the next house.

Educational Refresher

Before any vigorous renewal of poll work, particularly canvassing, is begun, however, I suggest that each of us, whatever our place in the movement, do a bit of studying, reading and memory refreshing. During the heat of a campaign few of us have much time for reading and studying on our own account. To rearm ourselves properly intellectually for the next attack we might well spend some time reading again Fred Henderson's *Case for Socialism*—it gets better each time you read it—or *Make This Your Canada*. If any of you

haven't got it yet I suggest you immediately obtain William Irvine's new booklet *Is Socialism the Answer?* There's a wealth of material in it. I stress this matter of an educational refresher, for, in canvassing, there is no substitute for knowledge and nothing will render a canvasser more ineffective than lack of it.

There are never the number of poll workers we would like, even in the strongest constituencies, and we are forever faced with the choice of deciding where they can do the best work. It is my opinion that when house to house canvassing is first resumed after an election, we should concentrate on the polls where we received the best support. (If we have taken care to preserve our records this information will be available to us. It is in those areas that we will find the greatest number of people interested in the C.C.F.)

Follow-up Calls

Many people voted C.C.F. without knowing much about the C.C.F. platform or the philosophy of the socialist cause. If, after their ballot is cast, they have no further contact with the C.C.F. they may be persuaded to switch their allegiance next time. On the other hand we can cinch their support if a well-informed C.C.F.'er calls on them before they lose their interest after the election, discusses and explains any part of the program on which they are a little hazy, provides them with literature, perhaps even sells them a subscription to the C.C.F. paper or gets them to come to the regular meetings of a club. Properly followed up with inter calls by the same poll worker our C.C.F. worker should soon become a full-fledged and active C.C.F. member. (Incidentally, the little pamphlet "Who Is It? What Is It? What Will It Do?" is far and away the best pamphlet with which to arm yourself when going canvassing.)

Meet Objections

In the riding I am in, our constituency secretary did some canvassing between the Ontario and Federal elections working on the theory I have outlined. She concentrated on an area where we had received a comparatively good vote in the provincial election and the results astonished her. For example, she called on one large French-speaking family who had always voted Liberal for no other reason than that they had feared the Tories. Curious about the C.C.F., they had never had an opportunity

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It didn't take long to dispel a few of the fears that had had of the C.C.F., fears based on an absolute lack of knowledge of our program. They were eager to learn about the program and were delighted to get some C.C.F. literature in French. They had voted Liberal in the provincial election but voted C.C.F. in the federal and are well on the way to becoming active members of our club.

No Accident

Long experience has shown that the most important single item in the building of a solid C.C.F. organization in any riding is steady, persistent, well-planned, door-to-door canvassing. One of the ridings we won by a very large majority was Vancouver East. This was no accident. Our success there was due in no small part to the thoroughness with which can-

vassing was done—much of it by the candidate, Angus MacInnis himself. Let no C.C.F.'er think he is above such a "menial" job.

Our Next Moves

Let's get off on the right foot. We must put into practice in our own organizational work, the principle we preach for the country as a whole—planning. Refresh and extend our own education by reading and studying; get our constituency records and poll files into shape, making full use of the material that has come to hand during the election; plan our next organized canvassing to cover the districts and polls where our support is best, thus consolidating the gains we have made; these are, in my opinion, our next moves. By the time the next election rolls around we should have in every poll a band of well-informed, willing workers, welded together in an unbeatable election organization.

Big Soldier Vote

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rison received 668 soldier votes against 557 for Social Credit and 500 for the Conservative candidate who won the seat with the civilian vote.

Jack Wagner in Athabasca, I. V. Macklin in Peace River and J. H. Coldwell in Bow River all led their Social Credit opponents by small margins in the service vote count.

Only in one constituency, Edmonton West, did the Liberal candidate top the service vote poll. Miss Mary Crawford was second with 646 against Mr. MacKinnon's 571. The Social Credit candidate trailed behind Miss Crawford with 553.

The Progressive Conservative also led in one poll, Calgary West, with 806. Kenn Tory, C.C.F., was second with 701 and the Social Credit candidate had 536.

Gained One Seat

Although adding greatly to the total votes polled by the C.C.F. it was only in the Prince Albert constituency that a seat was gained. Final results gave the C.C.F. 28 seats. One independent C.C.F. candidate, H. W. Herridge, Kootenay West, was elected.

The Liberals received 118,537 (35%) of the service votes, the C.C.F. 109,679 (32%) and the Progressive Conservatives 87,530 (26%). Other parties, Social Credit, Bloc Populaire, Labor Progressive and independents polled 27,117 (7%).

Total combined civilian and service vote for the three major parties was: Liberals, 2,028,724; Progressive Conservative, 1,422,269; C.C.F., 805,778. The Liberals dropped 500,000 from their 1940 total, the Conservatives had practically no change and the C.C.F. more than doubled its 1940 vote.

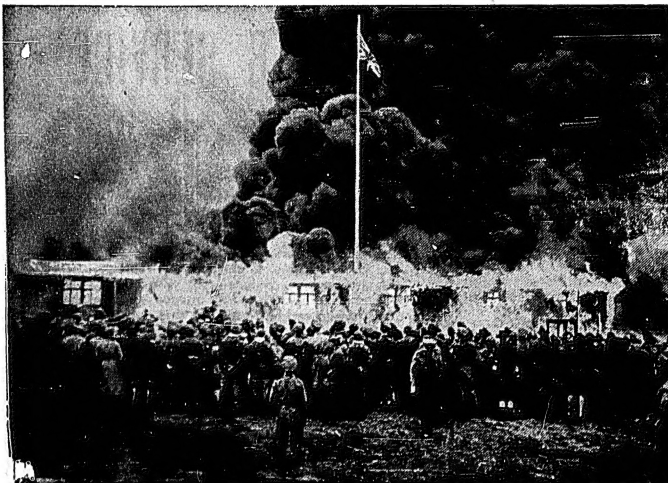
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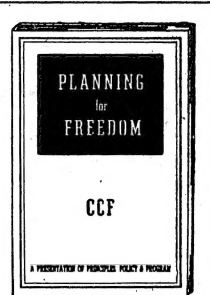
confidence in Vancouver East; three of his four opponents lost their deposits. His record as a labor man was assailed by L.L.P. spokesmen, headed by Harold Pritchett, the candidate, who is president of the B.C. District Council of the International Woodworkers of America (C.I.O.) and a member of the provincial executive of the Labor-Progressives. The result was that MacInnis more than doubled his plurality of 1940.



BLOTTING OUT THE HORROR



Hundreds of former inmates watch as flames consume buildings of the Belsen prison camp in Germany. British who captured the camp used flame throwers to burn away every vestige of the horror. (British official photo via Federated)



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Trestrail's SMEAR

By Elmore Philpott

As a general rule slanders made in the heat of an election campaign can best be forgotten when the polls close. But the coast-to-coast smear campaign carried on in the recent contest by a Toronto advertising man, B. A. Trestrail, is in a different category. It has all the marks of pipsquak-Fascism.

It was generously financed by Big Business in Canada. Just how large these sums were is anybody's guess. But that they were vast is beyond question. For Trestrail's booklet—appropriately entitled "Social Suicide" was circulated from Atlantic to Pacific. The character of the campaign can easily be judged by the eight slanted questions for answers to which the prospective "suckers" are offered \$5,000 in cash prizes.

A New Low
The lowest bit of writing in this book, which Big Business financed, is Trestrail's attack on Frank Scott and Mr. David Lewis, the national secretary of the C.C.F.

Trestrail is himself an immigrant to Canada. He writes: "I am a Canadian from Kansas City, Missouri. I am a citizen by choice, not by chance."

Like other immigrants Trestrail is welcome in Canada. But I doubt

that many Canadians will regard as fair the attack which he makes on Lewis as follows:

"Another is David Lewis, whose father, a Russian-Polish Jew, came to Canada in 1921 under the name of Mowcha Losz. . . He became naturalized in 1929 under the name Morris Lewis."
Trestrail's motives are obvious in this attack. Lewis' father is not just a "Russian-Polish" immigrant—but also a Jew. Trestrail makes sure of calling attention to that. Goebbels would know why—and applaud.

Ignore Scott's-Father
There is not a word in Trestrail's smear-book to let the reader know that Trestrail's other terrible pogey-man, Frank Scott, is the son of the last Archdeacon Scott, beloved padre of the First World War, and one of Canada's finest poets. If fathers are so important and religion, why does Trestrail sneer at Lewis' Polish-Jewish parent—yet ignore Scott's?

There is not a word to let the readers know that young Lewis was given the highest honor that the students of Oxford University have conferred on a Canadian—his election to the presidency of the Students' Union.

In England, of course, they do not have the same contempt that

Mr. Trestrail has for Jews or for changing names. Our Royal Family did it. But Mr. Trestrail would not know about that. He was in Kansas City then.

Whose Social Suicide
In slandering the C.C.F. Trestrail does not hesitate to smear Mr. Coldwell's airman son. Referring to the fact that some ten years ago, young Coldwell was against Canada's involvement in the then coming war Trestrail says:

"Mr. Coldwell's son, to his credit joined up and served in an administrative capacity with the R.C.A.F. during this war." The slam is as obvious as the slant. The inference is that by serving in an administrative job young Coldwell is a slacker. Flt-Lt. Jack Coldwell joined the R.C.A.F. aircrew branch in 1941. He passed that training. In August, 1942, he was grounded for faulty vision. He has since served overseas and in Canada wherever the R.C.A.F. assigned him.

But a little slip like that would not bother Trestrail.

He is spreading the gospel of what he himself titles "Social Suicide." But the huge joke is that Trestrail's backers do not seem to realize whose social suicide such books forecast.



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"Oomah" is on sale at the People's Weekly Book Shop for 25 cents plus two cents postage.

Chicago in Favor of Owning Its Lines

Chicago citizens, by a vote of 8-1, have authorized the city to take over local transportation facilities. Existing surface and elevated lines would cost about \$87,000,000, and needed improvements are estimated at \$120,000,000.

The transportation moguls have not resisted the idea. Their properties are now in a bankruptcy court and they will welcome an opportunity to exchange them for the city's gilt-edged bonds.

You don't need to take our word for this. Get "Social Credit" (1933 Revised Edition) from the Edmonton Public Library. The "Plan for Scotland" is printed as an appendix to the book.

TAKEN AWFUL BEATING

Editor, People's Weekly.
Sir: Manning is quoted as saying in his speech at Edmonton, June 4, "The fight of the Social Credit government against financial monopoly is known across Canada and throughout the world. We have carried on a ten-year fight against finance."

Granted; but judging from the way the Social Crediters have been falling over themselves to give Alberta's natural resources to some of the strongest international financiers, they must have taken an awful beating, a complete knock-out.

Just now it doesn't look as if they would ever regain consciousness enough to explain to the public how they came to lose the fight.

W. B. NICHOLSON
Millarville.

The recruit was disappointed with his uniform. It seemed to fit nowhere. He was still trying to make the buttons of his tunic meet when he passed the colonel on the parade ground. And in his preoccupation, he forgot to salute.
"Pull yourself together," said the colonel. "Don't you know you're wearing the King's uniform?"
"Oh, that's it," said the recruit. "I knew it wasn't meant for me."

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A Bit of Nonsense

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"It's good of you, doctor, to have come this far to see my husband."

"Not at all, madam, not at all. I have a patient next door, and I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone."

"When I was a little child," the sergeant-major sweetly addressed his men at the end of an exhaustive hour of drill, "I had a set of wooden soldiers. There was a poor boy in the neighborhood, and after I had been to Sunday School one day listening to a stirring talk on the duties of charity, I was soft enough to give them to him. Then I wanted them back and cried, but my mother said:

"Don't cry, Sonny, some day you will get your wooden soldiers back."

"And believe me, you lop-sided mutton-headed, gootus-brained set of certified rolling pins, that day has come!"

A woman travelling by train was talking with the man in the next seat. In describing her holiday, she said that she had visited San Jose.

"You pronounced that wrong," said the man. "It is San Hosay. In California you should pronounce all J's as H's. When were you there?"

The woman thought a minute, then answered: "In Hune and Huly."

Young Doctor (to pretty nurse): "May I kiss you?"

Nurse: "Certainly not. I'd hate to have a doctor's bill thrust in my face."

Mrs. Askit: "Do you really think the devil has horns and hoofs?"

Mr. A.: "No. If he had, the meat packers would have got him long ago."

The portly man was trying to get to his seat at the circus.

"Pardon me," he said to a woman, "did I step on your foot?"

"I imagine so," she said after glancing at the ring, "all the elephants seem to be in the ring."

A girl and an elderly woman were waiting for the other members of the party to arrive.

"Have a cigarette?" asked the girl, offering her case.

The older woman looked at her in extreme annoyance. "Smoke a cigarette!" she cried, indignantly.

"Good gracious," I'd rather kiss the first man who came along!"

"So would I," retorted her companion, "but have one while you're waiting."

Wife (reading): "It says here they have found a sheep in the Himalaya Mountains that can run 40 miles an hour."

Her Hubby: "Well, it would take a lamb like that to follow Mary nowadays."

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Victory in Cariboo

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pretty vile stuff. I think Social Credit was the gainer by it. People who were determined not to again vote Liberal or Tory were confused and frightened by this barrage, and were deterred from voting C.C.F.

Smelled of Fascism
I sensed everywhere that the people who never go to meetings had been sold this fear of the C.C.F. Don't let anybody tell you advertising doesn't pay. You could sell refrigerators to Eskimos if you could reach them. You can sell fear of the C.C.F. just as easily as Bayer sells aspirin if you have the cold cash to lay the barrage down thick.

This was causing a lot of thinking wherever one found thinking people—the kind who know what fascism is. Is it democracy, they reason, when reactionary business can, by spending its money, steer electoral victory in a direction it chooses? Some of the people I met in the north felt the Trestrail stuff smelled of fascism.

Anyway the majority in the Cariboo held fast. They elected a man who knows fascism when he sees it, by coming to Ottawa will know Bill Irvine is back. I'd like to sit in the gallery when he makes his "Here-I-am-again" speech.

ASK UNCLE SAM TO BUY BEEF DIRECT

NEW YORK—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia reveals that he has proposed to Washington what he regards as a sure-fire antidote to the black market as it effects meat.

He wants Uncle Sam to become the sole buyer of beef on the hoof, to allocate it to slaughterers, and then to keep an eye on the meat until it reaches the consumer at ceiling prices.

The government will stand any losses, but LaGuardia contends they will be less than it is now paying in subsidies that produce little benefit to consumers.

Two other changes urged by LaGuardia: A special rationing system for meat and rationing of all meat served by eating places. He ridiculed OPA claims that it is too late to revise regulations.

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The People Speak

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try seem to have a sense of honour that is absent in this country. When Churchill indulged in some of the sort of thing which the unspeakable Trestrail polluted the Canadian mails in the election campaign in Canada, nearly all the daily newspapers jumped on him with both feet. Even a Churchill is not allowed to hit below the belt without criticism. Even the capitalist newspapers are too "sporting" for that. But in Canada not a single daily paper, certainly none in Alberta, uttered a word of criticism of the Trestrail campaign with its vicious lying slanders. What is just as bad, not a single politician outside the C.C.F. had the decency to repudiate what every one of them knew was the filthiest piece of electioneering in Canadian history.

M. H. LOGAN
Calgary.

"PLAN FOR SCOTLAND"
Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: In a recent issue of The People's Weekly you quoted from a "Plan for Scotland," by Major C. H. Douglas, founder of Social Credit. The quotation I have reference to said that nobody would be allowed to sell any real estate, except to the government. What is the "Plan for Scotland?"

PUZZLED
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Editor's Note: Major Douglas drafted the "Plan for Scotland" to show how Social Credit would work. Not only does it provide for no exchange of real estate between individuals or business undertakings, but it provides for a reduction in wages for all workers, provides that workers cannot leave their jobs for a period of five years without losing their dividends and hog-ties trade unions.

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YOUTH TOMORROW

BY THE CCYM.—THE YOUTH SECTION OF THE C.C.F.

DURING the election a C.C. Y.M.'er handing out C.C.F. poll cards became involved in an argument with a boy who was performing the same service for one of the old line parties. His principal objection to the C.C.F. seemed to be that if they were in power he would not be able to make a million dollars. That is a legitimate objection for a few people make a million by working for a living, and the C.C.F. does not believe in recompensing anyone for the work that others do. You did our ambitious young friend consider just how many millionaires there are in Canada? Did he consider just how slight his chances are of joining their ranks? Above all did



he consider how many families are deprived of their rightful share of this country's abundance in order that one family might have very much more than their share?

Looking at the question practically, which is better—social security of his mythical million—to give up the uncertain hope of being one of the lucky ones or to sacrifice the certain promise of a comfortable and decent life made possible by socialism. It should not take any sane person long to choose. On the ideological side there are two questions which must be considered. Does anyone have the right to be extremely wealthy while his fellow-men are starving and suffering? Is money to be the criterion of success in our civilization? As socialists we say that the answer to both these questions is NO.

Our educational job is not simply to provide stimulating discussions for small groups who now belong to the CCYM. We must also launch bold educational programs on the radio, at meetings, in the papers, in public debates, at winter schools and summer camps. To carry out such a program we must build a larger and stronger organization—financing itself, standing on its own feet, in the closest co-operation and with the full advice and guidance of the C.C.F.

Coming back from overseas will be 750,000 young men and women, most of whom showed their support of the C.C.F. in the recent elections. We who stayed at home had better have something to match their faith. Let us build a movement of Canadian youth which will work bravely and steadfastly to meet a later swing of fortune—to achieve socialism in our time.

Five Years to Build Again

By DORIS FRENCH,
C.C.Y.M. NATIONAL PRESIDENT

ALL across Canada these days, we in the C.C.F. and in the CCYM are holding council. In 1943, after ten years of building, the C.C.F. elected 34 members to the Ontario Legislature. In 1944 we elected a government in Saskatchewan. A year ago we were sure that we would form the official opposition in the next federal House of Commons. Now, in June, 1945, we have suffered a severe setback—the loss of seats, though not of votes, in Ontario, and the return to Ottawa once more as a third party.

What is the correct analysis of this setback? In the West there is an appreciable desire for progress—expressed in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in the C.C.F. vote, while in Alberta the people apparently still regard their Social Crediters as a reform party. In the East there is a swing to reaction. Generally, there is a middle-of-the-road, cautious and comfortable outlook which finds its expression in the Liberal vote.

Fat and Arrogant

The Ontario Tory vote was a victory for Big Business which has grown fat and arrogant during the war—it was the vote of Big Business and of those whom Big Business could cajole or hire or scare. It was a victory for fascism and malice and exploitation. It was a sickening campaign. The people lost.

We can expect the Drew government of Ontario will quickly bring about its own disastrous defeat when this capitalist class of gluttons choke on their own excesses. It might happen within the present term of government.

But the federal picture is something slightly different. The old party vote on June 11 was a result of present prosperity and also of war weariness and war cynicism. Perhaps the Canadian people generally don't feel that it is a time for great causes. After the five-year interruption in their normal lives they are anxious to get on



DORIS FRENCH

with the pursuit of their private fortunes, turn their backs for a moment on an imperfect world. They are too far from war to have learned what the soldiers know; the need for rebirth, for brave measures, for profound and penetrating change.

Inevitably the tide will rise again. The pressure of necessity will drive the people to the co-operative, socialist way, the only human way to run our 20th century economic machine.

Must Be Ready

But when that time arrives, the C.C.F. must be ready for it. We have perhaps five years to build again—let us hope not longer. It must be a stronger, surer, and more united Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. It must be national in scope and it must be built firmly everywhere on the plain belief in the people's right to happiness and freedom and democracy.

Our task in the CCYM is clear and urgent. We have the job of persuading several million young Canadians to enlist their support to the socialist cause. We have the job of seeking out the idealism, the

sense of public justice and human rights which is the usual property of young people. By reason and inspiration, we must guide those ideals to the support of our movement.

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DAYS LAND

Sqn. Ldr. Chester A. Ronning visited Daysland on June 4.

The Willow CCYM held a meeting on June 7 with 20 members present. Sigurd Lefsrud spoke on the kind of economic system which the C.C.F. is planning. The club moved that \$35.00 be given to Mr. Lefsrud for the campaign fund and a collection was taken amounting to \$4.35 which was also given to Mr. Lefsrud. (It is interesting to know that the Willow vote on June 11 was C.C.F. 30, S.C. 28, P.C. 7, and Lib. 6).

On June 14 the club played soft ball, held a Weiner roast with a question box and sing-song around the bonfire.

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A fierce enemy charge on Mindanao Island in the Philippines ended in disaster for the Japanese. The machine-gun fire of the 31st Infantry Division literally mowed them down.

Surplus Reported by the Sask. C.C.F. Government

Preliminary figures show that the Province of Saskatchewan ended its fiscal year, April 30, 1945, with a surplus of \$2,216,025.61, it has been announced by Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines.

Revenues were \$34,116,569.96 and expenditures \$31,900,544.35. Mr. Fines also stated that in view of the continued stability of provincial revenues it was the intention of the government to pay off a bond issue of \$2,250,000.00 maturing on the second day of July, 1945, without refunding. These bonds bear interest at 4½ percent per annum and are payable in New York funds. The annual savings of interest charges that will be effected by redeeming these bonds in this manner will amount to \$101,250.00 or including foreign exchange at present rates approximately \$112,000.00. These debentures were issued July 2, 1945. This is the first debenture maturity to be redeemed in full in cash by the province for many years.

Motor License Fees Down
Revenue under Education Tax showed an increase of approximately \$667,000.00. School Lands \$206,000.00 and Gasoline Tax \$112,000.00 over the revenue of the previous year. On the other hand Public Revenue tax collections were down \$124,000.00 and Motor License were down by \$425,000.00. The revenues from Natural Resources were maintained, in fact showed an increase of \$41,000.00 over those of the previous year.

Increased Grants
Among the principal increases in the expenditures over the previous year were: School Grants \$400,000, Public Health \$290,000, Highways \$442,000, in addition to the cost of the election which accounted for an increase of approximately \$211,000.

The reduction of expenditures included a saving over the previous year's expenditures of \$388,000.

000 on account of Public Debt service and a reduction in the cost of the Taxation Branch, which formerly was the Provincial Tax Commission, of \$50,000. It might also be pointed out that included in Revenue Expenditures is an item of \$300,000 for acquisition and construction of public buildings which could properly have been charged against capital account, but in conformity with a practise which has been adopted of meeting all possible capital expenditures out of current revenues this item was treated as a revenue charge.

Sinking Fund Reserves Increased
The Provincial Treasurer also disclosed that the Provincial Sinking Funds have been increased during the fiscal year just closed from \$23,919,341.02 to \$31,000,477.19 being an increase of \$7,081,136.17, which together with the fact that the current cash position has been maintained made it possible for the Province to invest \$3,750,000.00 in the Eighth Victory Loan.

The government is carrying out its intention to reduce the floating debt of the province at the earliest possible date. It has paid off treasury bills to holders other than the Dominion government to an amount of \$2,692,000.00 and repaid debentures to an amount of \$404,060.00.

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